

National Park Service Northeast Region



West Virginia Parks and Partnerships



WV Population: 1,801,916

**Park Visitation (Recreational)
in 2001:**

Bluestone NSR
56,896

Gauley River NRA
262,279

New River Gorge NR
1,234,028

**Total acreage of National Parks
in West Virginia:**
85,903 acres

**National Parks in the
Northeast Region**

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Regional Director

WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL PARK UNITS SERVED BY PHILADELPHIA

West Virginians have three National Park units and a part of the Appalachian Trail to share with visitors and enjoy with family and friends.

BLUESTONE NATIONAL SCENIC RIVER

This scenic river preserves relatively unspoiled land in southwest West Virginia and contains natural and historic features of the Appalachian plateau. In its 11 miles, the lower Bluestone River offers excellent fishing, hiking, boating, and scenery. Pipestem and Bluestone State Parks and Bluestone Hunting and Fishing Areas are located along this segment of the river. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/blue



GAULEY RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

The 25 miles of the Gauley River and the 6 miles of the Meadow River pass through scenic gorges and valleys containing a wide variety of natural and cultural features. The Gauley River contains several Class V-+ rapids, making it one of the most adventurous white-water boating rivers in the East. Both rivers also provide excellent fishing and hiking opportunities. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/gari



Above: Gauley River, a favorite with white water enthusiasts with its Class 4 and 5 rapids.
Right: Civil War Reenactors tell the story of September 1861 Union victory at Carnifex Ferry.



A collage of images from New River Gorge, from left to right: A waterfall; kayaker on the river; rapids (courtesy Kevin Seifert); trains at Thurmond; a boy with his grandparents at an overlook (Patricia Iolavera, NPS); a view from above; repelling (K. Seifert); campsite at Army Camp (NPS photo).

NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL RIVER

A rugged, whitewater river flowing northward through deep canyons, the New is among the oldest rivers in the continent. The free-flowing 52 mile section from Hinton to Fayetteville is abundant in natural, scenic, historic, and recreational features. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/neri

APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Part of the Appalachian Trail wends its way through West Virginia. Approximately 2000 miles long, the trail follows the Appalachian Mountains from Mt. Katahdin, Maine through New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, to Springer Mountain, Georgia. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/appa



For information about the WV state park system, see:

www.dnr.state.wv.us

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